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TO AMEMBASSY SANA

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FOR CHARGE RANSOM

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: WORLD AIRWAYS PROPOSALS

1. WORLD AIRWAYS SENDS FOLLOWING: "MANY THANKS UR TWO
MSGs OF 16 FEB. WE ARE PUZZLED BY CHMN. SHAI F CABLE
REQUESTING TWO RPT TWO AIRCRAFT FOR A STARTUP APRIL 1.

A. BRITANNIA/LOW ADZ US TODAY THAT THEY HAVE SIGNED
EXTENSION OF 727 LEASE UNTIL 30 APR AND HAVE STILL TO
DECIDE WHETHER TO GRANT FURTHER EXTENSION. ALSO, RICHARD
TAIT/BOEING ATHENS INFORMED US TODAY THAT CHM OF YAC IS
HEADING YEMEN DELEGATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SAUDI
GOVT FOR MEETINGS IN ATHENS WITH BOEING 20 FEB TO
FINALIZE PURCHASE OF ONE OR TWO 737-200 A/C FOR DELIVERY
31 DEC 1976. TAIT ADVISES BOEING HOLDS PURCHASE AGREEMENT
SUBJECT TO FINANCING AND INDICATES THE SAUDIS APPARENTLY
HAVE AGREED NOW TO PROCEED. WE REALIZE BRITANNIA AND

BOEING REPORTS MAY NOT BE ENTIRELY ACCURATE.

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B. AS FIRST STEP TO CLARIFY SITUATION AND HOPEFULLY

ADVANCE PROJECT NEIL BERBOTH IS PROCEEDING ATHENS
20 FEB. HE WILL ADVISE TAIT OF HIS CONTACT IN ATHENS

IN ORDER THAT HE CAN MEET WITH SHAIK. HE AND HUGHES
WILL BE PREPARED TO PROCEED SANAA ON OR ABOUT 25 FEB IF
ATHENS DISCUSSIONS FRUITFUL.

C. PLS ADVISE CHAIRMAN SHAIK DEPUTY PM YEGHMAN AND
MINSTR ASNAG OF THIS PLAN. B. COOKE." INGERSOLL

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